



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

Commissioners' Meeting

October 24, 2017

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Duncan, Sutich, Nelson, Smith and Entze, Chief Burgess, A/Chief Watson, B/C Meyer, Local President R. Wasmund, N. Langlow, D. Weyn, T. VanderVaate and citizens K. Krietzer, L. Dague and J. Anderson.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

Communications

Chief Burgess shared thank you letters from: 1) Pierce County Fire District 21; 2) Henderson Bay High School; 3) numerous California residents.

Commissioners Smith and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2017 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Sutich asked to add an item under Old Business.

Minutes and Blanket Vouchers

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Chief's Report

- A/Chief Watson gave a report regarding wildland deployments under an EMAC Agreement, which allows fire agencies to provide resources from out of state. We sent a team to California – B/C Meyer will give a more detailed report shortly. Our team experienced an issue, a speed sensor which was repaired in the field.

B/C Meyer reported on his experience during deployment to California. It was a unique experience. Rewarding and surprising how many people there knew where Gig Harbor is. They traveled on the 13th to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, which had over 4,000 responders set up there in camp. There was a similar camp in Napa. To put the scope into perspective, 50,000 people were evacuated which would be the equivalent of trying to evacuate all of Gig Harbor. Fires were not limited to wildland. Our team's first assignment was to protect a juvenile facility from the Oakmont Fire. The facility was similar in size to the Purdy Women's Prison. Second assignment was in Geyserville on the Pocket Fire. Overall the whole experience was very rewarding and our people gained a lot of knowledge to improve our response skills here.

Chief Burgess advised the Board:

- On the District's levy lid lift efforts. Mailers have started arriving in mailboxes. Will be filming video on October 31 and posting to social media platforms. Commissioner Duncan interjected he hasn't heard anything negative.

Quarterly Financial Report

D. Weyn presented the quarterly financial report for September 30, 2017. Expense Fund balance totaled \$2,316,134 in cash and investments. Reserve Fund balance ended the month at \$2,553,293 in cash and invested funds. Revenues in the amount of \$12,197,719 have been collected so far this year representing 59.46% of the revenues forecasted for the year. Expenditures to date are \$14,546,008 (71.04%) of the total budgeted amount for the year.

Standing Committee Reports

Chief Burgess reported that the Negotiating Committee held their first meeting with the Local on October 18 and the next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2017.

Old Business

- Chief Burgess presented the final draft budget with no changes from the second draft. He also advised the Board that it is the District's intent to continue the MSO positions, there is money in the budget for them and the District is looking to make those positions permanent in 2018. There were no questions regarding the proposed budget.
- Chief Burgess presented the Board with Resolution 2017-14 which allows the budgeted transfer of funds from the Expense Fund into the Reserve Fund. The District will transfer \$1,500,000 from the Expense Account to the Reserve Account on October 31, 2017. Commissioners Nelson and Smith moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-14 as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- Commissioner Sutich brought for discussion an earlier topic relating to requesting Chief Burgess have more executive level involvement with local County/State fire chief organizations and committees for networking purposes. Commissioners Sutich and Entze

moved and seconded a motion to further discuss how Chief Burgess can get more involved at the executive level without getting overextended. After some discussion the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

- Chief Burgess presented the Revenue Hearing for the 2018 Budget as required by State Law and must be held in an open public meeting. This review includes the types of revenues to be collected and the sources they come from throughout the budget year. A PowerPoint presentation was presented to the Board. The final 2018 Budget will be presented to the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2017 in order to meet the November 30th deadline with the County. Chief Burgess presented two versions of the draft 2018 Budget; one in the event the Lid Lift passes, another in the event it does not.
- Chief Burgess presented the Board with Resolution 2017-15 which allows the budgeted transfer of funds from the Expense Fund into the Reserve Fund for future development of a training tower and explained the District hopes to have a separate account for these funds established by early 2018 to make sure they are used for the purpose of developing a training tower at some time in the future. The District will transfer \$100,000 from the Expense Account into the Reserve Account on October 31, 2017. Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-15 as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Comment

Nick Langlow spoke on behalf of the Yes Committee with a campaign update. The Yes Committee is continuing its efforts on behalf of the Lid Lift. A direct mailer was sent to 10,000 addresses in the District, an advertisement with ValPak was an economical way to reach 80,000 mailboxes. Signs are out. Sign waving efforts are under way during the morning and evening rush hours at the Borgen Blvd roundabout by Starbucks. They are also conducting an active social media campaign and are pleased there has been no negative feedback.

District #5 Member Comment

There was no District #5 Member Comment.

Good of the Order

Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events


There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday November 14, at 5:00 p.m.



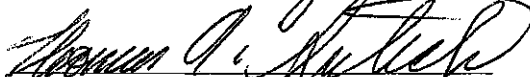
Attest: District Secretary




Chairman Commissioner



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